"The Barber of Bagdad" a Feature in New York.

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sed Story of the Plot-The Peculiar Way in Which the Big Theatre Is Operated—The Public's Pleasure a Secondary Matter.

The present season of grand opera at the Metropolitan opera house in New York is an artistic success, as the seasons in the past have been. But what is almost as much to the point, it is a financial success, as seasons in the past have not been.

A theatre like the Metropolitan opera house is a possibility only in very large cities, where e are many millionaires.

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THE BARBER OF BAGDAIL

se boxes for an evening it must hand over \$60 at the box office. The other seventy-four boxes are in two tiers extending round the house, from one side of the proscenium to the other. These are held by subscribers who guarantee the expenses of the opera. Subscribers may sub-rent their boxes for a portion of the season or for certain nights of the week to other people, but only with the consent of the other subscribers. Above the sec ond tier of boxes are three galleries, which, with the main floor of the house, are open to the public. Seats in the parquet are sold for \$3 each, and grade to 50 cents back of the first three rows in the upper gallery.

All the operas this season (as was the case last year also) are sung in German. They are produced with magnificent scenic effects, and the roles are filled by the best singers that money can hire. A recent and notable production was that of "The Barber of Bagdad," which, unlike most of the grand operas, is full of fun, and can be classed as The picturesqueness and brillinney of the costumes in this opera were es-

The story of the opera is not a particularly heavy one. Nureddin, a poor but sweet singing Persian, is in love with the Cadi's of the order, belonging to a lodge in Atlanta. ughter, who is also a pretty singer and who sines in German that she returns Nuredlove. But the Cadi in heavy tenor sings no; his daughter must marry a richer man. He is not a very cruel papa, however, and he does not scold very much, but pleads. He evidently thinks that sparkling jewels will be more likely to bring his daughter over to his way of thinking than harsh words will, so he sings to four servants to bring in a cheat. They sing that they will, and by and by appear with it. The Cadi takes from it a casket of gems and sings to his daughter that he will give them to her if she will marry his rich friend. By and by he sings his way out without having persuaded his daughter to sing yes.

Pretty soon Nureddin comes in and he and the Cadi's daughter sing love songs. All at once the Cadi is heard approaching. It would never do for him to find Nureddin ticularly the assistance and encouragement there, so the latter's sweetheart and a girl friend of hers hide Nureddin in the jewel chest and shut the cover. The Barber of Bagdad is a great friend of Nureddin's, of the general entertainment from all the



BASTONA. ing (in the first act) he had hend that we sung to him that he had a presentiment that he (Nureddin) would get into trouble before

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the day was over. in order to be on nand when the trouble comes he has followed him secretly and is waiting outside the house of the Cadi. He hears the cries of some one next door and thinks that they are Nureddin's and that his friend is being killed. He rushes into the Cadi's house just as the Cadi enters; and sings a deep bass song asking for Nured-din. The Cadi's daughter sings (translated), "Hush! don't give it away; we've got him in

the chest hiding him from father."

But the Barber doesn't understand the state of affairs, and thinks that Nureddin has been murdered and put in the chest. He sings what he thinks, and sings so persistently that the chest is finally opened. Sure enough, Nureddin is unconscious—almost suffocated. The Cadi sings that he is surprised to see Nureddin there, and the Barber sings that he's sorry Nareddin is dead—which he isn't, for pretty soon he revives and begins to sing some things himself. The Cadi sings that he releats, and that Nureddin may marry his daughter; and as the curtain falls everybody sings that they are very happy. Then they take off their costumes, go home, and after a night or two of rest go back to the Metropolitan opera house and sing it all over again. KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

An Appeal in Behalf of a Widow Whos Husband Died Under Suspension-Notes. The special appeal circular issued by the officers of the supreme lodge, in behalf of a widow whose husband died while under suspension, is worthy of a more liberal respons than it is understood to be receiving in some of the lodges. The circumstances of suspension were such as, in the opinion of the supreme lodge officers, to justify the appeal to the membership. With such an indorsement it is entitled to better treatment than merely placing it on file or laving it on the table. A mite from each lodge treasury would bring forth the blessings of the widow and sustain the reputation the order has already estab-

lished for itself in benevolent actions.

The action of Illinois lodge of East St. Louis in providing for the three orphans of a brother who died two years ago, and its especial care of the little one who first saw the light of day within a few hours of the father's death, the mother dying three days later, re-calls an equally noble act on the part of Commonwealth lodge of Boston a few years ago. It is in the performance of such acts that the order stands second to none, and which has made for it an undying record.

Lodge 1,104 of Charleston, S. C., is show-ing commendable activity. It has added 175 to its roll since Jan. 1 last, and will probably make the increase fully 200 for the year Now that a handsomely uniformed degree staff has been organized by the members of particularly attractive, the boom is to be con

The membership of the order Oct. 31 was 131,739, a gain of 1,460 over the figures for

Notes. Grand Reporter Curry, of the Knights of Honor, says that since the organization of the order 14,571 members have died, to whose families and relatives there has been paid in death benefits \$28,637,034.26. The gentleman intends visiting the lodge at Colusa early in this month.

Charles J., brother of Edward Bellamy, the author of "Looking Backward," is a charter member of J. G. Holland lodge of Springfield, Mass.

Of 36 grand lodges in the order 18 meet annually and 18 biennially.

Massachusetts pays a more liberal salary to its grand reporter than does any other state, viz., \$1,500. The next highest are California Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, New York and North Carolina, which severally pay \$1,200. Ohio, Penusylvania and Texas each pay \$1,000; the others smaller figures.

Supreme Dictator Savage states that the order has paid to beneficiaries \$29,000,000.

The Knights of Honor, now sixteen years old, has a membership of 131,000, and has paid out in benefits during its existence the grand total of \$27,000,000.

St. Louis lodge No. 13, Knights of Honor, is the pioneer Knights of Honor lodge west of the Mississippi. The Knights and Ladies of Honor are

growing fast, the membership now being nearly 60,000.

AMERICAN LEGION OF HONOR.

The Fraternal Association of Philadelphia

Councils. From the report of Grand Commander Burns to the grand council of Pennsylvania, "I cannot refrain from mentioning particularly the assistance and encouragem rendered me by the Fraternal Association of Philadelphia councils, American Legion of Honor. This organization was the outgrowth Philadelphia councils, having charge of the celebration at the Academy of Music, Nov. 3, 1887. Upon the conclusion of its very creditably performed duties a permanen ganization was effected, by a number of the most energetic and enthusiastic companions, under the above title, and as an incentive to Among some of Abs' notable feats the folmembers to seek the service of their councils, as officers, the membership of the association was limited to commanders and past commanders. The objects of the association are to establish a close fraternal relation between the members of the Ameri-can Legion of Honor and stimulate them to become regular in their attendance of council meeting and energetic in their efforts to enlarge the usefulness and increase the mem-bership of the order. To create and foster a lively fraternal interest among the councils of Philadelphia by the interchange of official visitations and courtesies. The frequent visitations of the various councils by this assotion or representative committees, for the purpose of securing, first, uniformity in the work of the order; second, general knowledge of the laws of the order and the duties of the officers under them; third, devising additional means for promoting the growth and efficiency of subordinate councils. During the last year the association has rendered valuable service by its visitations to various councils, and I am fully satisfied that it has struck the keynote of effective work in behalf of the order in Phandelphia, and if its purposes to assist the councils were but fully and generally understood, its efforts encou aged and its membership enlarged, it would

The smallest amount paid into the fund was forty-eight cents, by Valentine Krauss, a second degree of Kings county council Brooklyn, N. Y., who was initiated Sept. 19. 1889, and died of meningitis Sept. 29, 1889. This is one of the smallest amounts paid into the benefit fund of any order on record. The largest amount paid in was \$1,258.40, by Charles F. Brown, of Van Buren, Ark., a sixth degree member, who was initiated Feb. 7, 1882, and died Oct. 11, 1889, of dysentery.

result in marked benefit to the order in this

A. O. U. W.

Various Notes of Interest to Members of the Order. The membership of the order, Nov. 1, 1889, was 236,617, a net gain for October of 1,351, Ontario added 385 and New York 281. Ninety-one assessments have been called

Ontario has passed California, and stand ourth in size. Massachusetts is sixth. Eight members were expelled from the order in August last-two in Missouri, two in Nebraska, two in Kensas and two in Ari-

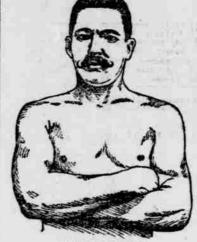
The grand officers of Tennessee have issued an explanatory and congratulatory circular to the members of that jurisdiction, showing the spiendid financial condition of the grand lodge and the satisfactory conduct of its effi-cers by its grand recorder, Thomas H. Bver-ett, and grand receiver, N. C. Williams

Notable Performances Among the Weight Raisers.

RICHARD K. POX'S BIG DUMBBELL

Many Tried Their Hand at It, and James W. Kennedy Swung It Two Inches from the Floer-Whitman and His Strap-The

A few years ago heavy weight lifting was looked upon as a very important branch of athletics. Little by little the interest in it died out, and it is but recently that it has been revived again. The question has often been asked: "Who is the strongest man the world!" and until very recently it has been asked: "Who is the strongest man in the world?" and until very recently it has been an open question. It was to decide this point, if possible, that Richard K. Fox, of The Police Gazette, caused a big dumbbell to be constructed, and offered a prize of \$500 to the man who should lift it. The bei weighed 1,030 pounds, had massive iron han-dles firmly attached, and was not cumbersome or unwieldly.



JAMES W. KENNEDY.

ent of this competition and the chance of earning the title of "champion dormant energies of the strong men near and far. Such giants as Sehastian Miller, "the Man of Iron;" John Whitman, "Ajax;" George Hirschhorn, "Young Sampson;" Milo, "the Modern Hercules," Sanlo, "the Swiss Hercules," and a host of others attended to lift, the waight, but were approximated. tempted to lift the weight, but were unsuccessful.

They could budge it, but the 1,030 pound of solid weight were too much for them to

Sebastian Miller, who lifts 1,300 pounds with the health lift, 3,300 with harness and cracks stones with his fist quicker than an ordinary man can with a hammer, made a great effort, but was forced to give up in

despair.

Whitman attempted to lift the end of the bell with his teeth by fastening a strap to the handle. He tried twenty times, with no suc-cess. He did lift it, however, by placing a strap around his neck and using one hand. He struggled for one hour to lift it the whole way up, but failed. The others were equally

unsuccessful.

Finally James W. Kennedy, of whom a very good likeness appears with this account, determined to wade in and capture the trophy. Kennedy, who is an iron molder by trade, is a magnificent specimen of muscular development. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 105 pounds stripped. He claims the title of champion short distance carsman of America. He was several years are a prom-America. He was several years ago a prom-inent amateur, and won the double scalls together with J. H. Riley, at Greenwood lake, on Oct. 9, 1876, covering the two miles in 12m. and 30s. Kennedy bad been training for the event for some time, and when he made his appearance was in the pink of condition and confident of success.

He carefully wrapped a small towel around the slippery iron handle and grasped it firmly with both hands. The first and second trials resulted in failures, but on the third the weight slowly but surely came up in his grasp two inches from the floor. He held it for a moment, and then it dropped with a crash upon the floor.

He was congratulated by all present and

proclaimed champion by Fox.

Although Kennedy's performance was a great one, it does not equal David L. Dowd's lift of 1,4424 pounds. This is the best on record, and was accomplished on March 27, 1883. The amateur record for lifting with the hands alone is 1,384 pounds. This feat was accomplished by H. Lenssing, of Springfield, Mass., on March 31, 1880.

A few years ago there was in America a German giant named Carl Abs. He could lowing are very remarkable: At Hamburg, Germany, he lifted a weight weighing 13234 pounds three times from the floor with one hand. He also put up a 220% pound dumb-bell with one hand from shoulder to arm's



WHITMAN LIFTING ON THE PELL. Perhaps the greatest lifter was W. B.Cur-Times. In New York city in 1868 he lifted

Times. In New York city in 1868 he lifted 3,230 pounds with harness. This was a great achievement and has never been beaten. Certis has also lifted 1,230 pounds, hand lift, without artificial menns, and this feat has also never been equaled. No one wishes to rob Kannady of his well extract title, but his feat of lifting the ball pales before that of a young student of Dickinson college. The young man's name is George Becktel, and his young man's name is George Bechtel, and his great feat was the lifting of a weight weighmg 1,300 pounds clear from the floor with-out aid of any kind.

Louis Cyr, the Canadian Samson, is considered by many to be the strongest man of today, and it is confidently expected that when he making the weight it will sail into the air like a stone under a derrick. One of Cyr's greatest performances was the lifting of 3,526 pounds of pig iron from a platform with his back. This occurred on Oct. 1,

1888, and is authentic.

As these experiments have aroused so much enthusiasm among this particular class of athletes, it is very probable that other con-tests of a signifiar mature will be instituted.

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known giant will appear in the arena and ac-complish things that will put these famous men of muscle to blush?

AN AUSTRALIAN FAVORITE.

Miss Myra Kemble, Who Becently Deserted "the Colories" to Appear in England. On the recent retirement of Miss Essi-Jenyns from the stage Miss Myra Kem the lady who recently made a successful debut before a London audience, seems to have at once taken a place in the affections of Australian playgoers. Just before her de-parture for England Miss Kemble was treat-ed to an imposing

ferewell function at Sydney, and Melbourne sadiy grieved that it could not, from lack of time, ac-cord like honor to the popular act-ress, "Miss Myra Kemble's story," popular act-"Miss Myra writes a represen

writes a representation of the Pail Mall Budget, as she told it to me after a fatiguing MISS MYRA REMBLE. rehearsal, is one of patient effort and well earned success. She has had no sudden tri-

earned success. She has had no sudden triumph, no matutinal awakening to find herself famous; only the capacity for taking
pains and the reward of unflagging perseverance. As a consequence, Miss Kemble has
attained to artistic as well as physical maturity. But although not in the first bloom
of youth, Miss Kemble's fair, silky hair,
blood completice and greenful carriers. blonds complexion and graceful carriage give her an excellent stage presence."

Her first appearance on the stage was in 1874, at a pantomime in Melbourue. Then she took up small Shakespearean parts, and in less than two years was leading lady at the Victoria theatre. At 19 she played Lady Macbeth, being the youngest woman to attempt the role in Australia

It is said that she excels in those difficult and delightful old school comedies created by Sheridan and contemporaries. Her stage name, Kemble, is that borne by her mothe before marriage. Her father objected to her going on the stage, and so she did not take his name. She is married, and was born in

REMARKABLE PISTOL SHOOTING.

The Performances of George Naude and George Bird Who Beat Rim. At the tourney held in Paris during the exposition George Nande, of Paris, was awarded first prize for a six shot score with a revolver on the new French target. Naude's record was a great one. He had one shot in the bull's eye near the edge of the inner circle, two shots on the edge of the circleone above the diameter line and one below i
-two other shots were bunched at the di ameter lines, half on the Scircle and balf on the outer circle of the black bull's eye, and the sixth shot half in the 7 circle and half in the 8. The target was 11% inches in diameter and was set at a distance of 33 yards from

able shooting, and bets were freely made that no one would equal it for some time. The bull's eye cut here given is a fac-simile of the center section of the target on which George Bird, the young



the marksman. This was cons

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remarkable from the fact that the target was one-fourth the size of the original French tar get used by Naude. Mr. Bird bunched his six shots, as shown in the cut, while another marksman a few feet away was banging at another kind of target. Mr. Bird used the Smith & Wesson "Pron-

tier" 44-caliber revolver, with a Russian model shell loaded with six grains of powder and a round ball. It is safe to say that this last record will not be disturbed for awhile unless Mr. Bird attempts to outshoot himself.

The Increase of Racing. In 1879 there were run on the "flat" 1,160 races, and in 1889 the number of races of the same character had risen to 4,848. During the same period the money reced for had un dergone the same phenomenal increase. In 1879 the total amount of money, including individual expenses to owners of horses, devoted to this object, was \$308,697, while in 1889 it reacted \$2,379,193!

A single racing association devoted \$9,219 a day for twenty days to the sport; another spent for 112 days \$2,000 a day; New York and Brooklyn ciute disbursed \$1,412,850 in support of the sport. Side by side with this growth of the popular amusement, the price of horse flesh has increased, and whereas \$2,000 was at one time a good stiff price for a racer, \$35,000 is now paid ungrudgingly.

Spirit Willing, but Flesh Isadequate. Willie-Marsina, will God hate us if we ion't do just exactly as he says in the Bible! Mamma-Ob, I trust not, darling! Why to you ask!

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\$15,000,000 Have Been Paid Over At a recent lodge entertainment in Chi-cago the grand commander of the state, Mr.

Thomas G. Newman, delivered an address, which stated the condition of the order and gave a brief history of it for the past ten years. He said the American Legion of that during the years about 5,000 of its mem-bers had died, and that their widows and orphans had received for Honor now numbered 62,000 in men orphans had received from the order \$15,-000,000, and that this immense amount had all been paid promptly within about ten days of the time that the proofs of death had been made out and afterted by the local councils.

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The emergency fund of \$111,000 is, with the exception of a \$1,000 bond, deposited in Massachusetts national banks, and the bond with the insurance department of Missouri. This fund represents one full assessment upon the entire membership of the order, and was laid aside in compliance with their laws While many of the orders have con the right of the insurance department to require this deposit and have been, to a certain extent, successful in their proceedings, the bers of its finance committee considered that it was advisible that the order should com-oly with the laws of all states in which is should desire to transact by the



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